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## TO THE FRIENDS OF "THE CHICAGO PLAN"

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THREE years ago the FINE ARTS JOURNAL entered upon the undertaking of giving publicity to "The Chicago Beautiful Plan" to the end that it might become popular with the readers of the magazine and with the general public. From time to time as opportunity presented the occasion we have published articles upon this subject from the pens of those best fitted to speak with authority.

Having thus followed with real concern the fate of the Plan, we are pleased to be able to announce that the signs of the times are, indeed, encouraging. Enthusiasm and interest, so far from having abated or waned since the exhibition of drawings first attracted attention to the project, have actually grown and increased until we find ourselves today in the position of being unable to supply all of the demands that have been made upon us for copies of the magazine containing information in regard to the Plan and its details. It is for this reason that we again dedicate an edition of the FINE ARTS JOURNAL to the great cause. This and the hearty co-operation of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens, which has been given us ungrudgingly in the carrying out of our campaign to popularize the plan has convinced us that the day when its beauties shall begin to materialize is not far distant.

Toward those who have so generously encouraged the efforts of the FINE ARTS JOURNAL to help along the good

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work we feel a gratitude and a sense of responsibility that will not permit of any abatement of our labors until our dreams come true in the greater and more beautiful Chicago. The satisfaction of having aided in bringing this about is all the reward that any institution or individual could ask for the expenditure of time, means and effort which it has cost, and must still cost to make the public in general take a vital and vigorous interest in this plan.

We publish herewith a resume of what has been said upon this subject by writers of the greatest prominence in matters artistic and civic and by those who are most closely in touch with the carrying out of the plan.